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Substitute Senate Bill No. 402

Senate, April 3, 2014

The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through SEN. CASSANO, S. of the 4th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING FACULTY REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10a-1a of the 2014 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

4 (a) There shall be a Board of Regents for Higher Education who
5 shall serve as the governing body for the regional community-technical
6 college system, the Connecticut State University System and Charter
7 Oak State College. The board shall consist of [nineteen] twenty
8 members who shall be distinguished leaders of the community in
9 Connecticut. The board shall reflect the state's geographic, racial and
10 ethnic diversity. The voting members shall not be employed by or be a
11 member of a board of trustees for any independent institution of
12 higher education in this state or the Board of Trustees for The
13 University of Connecticut nor shall they be employed by or be elected

14 officials of any public agency, as defined in subdivision (1) of section 1-
15 200, during their term of membership on the Board of Regents for
16 Higher Education. The Governor shall appoint nine members to the
17 board as follows: Three members for a term of two years; three
18 members for a term of four years; and three members for a term of six
19 years. Thereafter, the Governor shall appoint members of the board to
20 succeed such appointees whose terms expire and each member so
21 appointed shall hold office for a period of six years from the first day
22 of July in the year of his or her appointment. Four members of the
23 board shall be appointed as follows: One appointment by the president
24 pro tempore of the Senate, who shall be an alumnus of the regional
25 community-technical college system, for a term of four years; one
26 appointment by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be a
27 specialist in the education of children in grades kindergarten to twelve,
28 inclusive, for a term of three years; one appointment by the speaker of
29 the House of Representatives, who shall be an alumnus of the
30 Connecticut State University System, for a term of four years; and one
31 appointment by the minority leader of the House of Representatives,
32 who shall be an alumnus of Charter Oak State College, for a term of
33 three years. Thereafter, such members of the General Assembly shall
34 appoint members of the board to succeed such appointees whose
35 terms expire and each member so appointed shall hold office for a
36 period of four years from the first day of July in the year of his or her
37 appointment. The chairperson and vice-chairperson of the student
38 advisory committee created under section 10a-3 shall serve as
39 members of the board. The chairperson and vice-chairperson of the
40 faculty advisory committee created under section 10a-3a shall serve as
41 [an] ex-officio, nonvoting [member] members of the board for a term of
42 two years and, in [his or her role] their respective roles as chairperson
43 and vice-chairperson, shall be excluded from any executive session, as
44 defined in section 1-200, of the board. The Commissioners of
45 Education, Economic and Community Development and Public Health
46 and the Labor Commissioner shall serve as ex-officio, nonvoting
47 members of the board.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10a-1a(a)
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

For purposes of accuracy, "nineteen" was changed to "twenty" in section 1(a).

HED *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill results in no fiscal impact as it is technical and clarifying in nature.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 402*****AN ACT CONCERNING FACULTY REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Board of Regents for Higher Education's (BOR) faculty advisory committee (FAC) vice-chairperson to serve as an ex-officio, nonvoting BOR member for a two-year term but excludes the vice-chairperson from BOR executive sessions. By law, the FAC chairperson is already an ex-officio, nonvoting member and is similarly excluded from executive sessions. Executive sessions are those from which the public is excluded while committee members discuss topics such as specific employees, pending legal claims or litigation, security strategy, real estate transactions, or public records exempt from the Freedom of Information Act.

The bill increases BOR's stated size from 19 to 20 members to reflect the addition of the FAC vice-chairperson, but does not accurately reflect the board's actual membership (i.e., the bill should increase the size to 21 members).

BOR is the governing body for the Connecticut State University System, regional community-technical colleges, and Charter Oak State College. Currently, the board has 15 voting and five ex-officio, non-voting members. The FAC assists BOR in performing its statutory functions and consists of 10 members representing the institutions governed by BOR.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2014

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/13/2014)